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The British Apollo:

OR,

Curious Amuſements for the INGENIOUS.

To which are Added the moſt

Material Occurrences Foreign and Domeſtick.

Perform'd by ſome of the Society of GENTLEMEN, *Concern'd in the Firſt and Second* VOLUME, *with the Aſſiſtance of other Ingenious* PERSONS.

From Wednesday November 15th. to Friday November 17th. 1710.

GENTLEMEN,

Q. *IN thoſe who are deſign'd to ſerve the Government, in any Office or Employ, they are obliged to Recieve the Sacrament in the Church of* England. *I deſire to know if this is a manifeſt abuſe of that Sacred Ordinance, being contrary to the Nature of it; in my mind it is, my Reaſon is this, that many Perſons who take that Covenant to qualify them for ſuch a Service in the State, have been before the Receiving of the ſame, and continued after the moſt diſſolute Perſons in Nature: I deſign no Reflection on the Government in the Injunction; therefore deſire an impartial Anſwer.*

Yours, &c. D. D.

A. To meddle with this Subject, which has been ſo much canvaſed by Party-Men, may perhaps to ſome ſeem Inconſiſtent with that ſtrict Impartiality which we have always made Profeſſion of. But ſhou'd ſuch like Scruples deter us, we ſhou'd lay too great Reſtraint upon our ſelves, and therefore ſhall take the Liberty to declare our Opinion, that this Sacramental Teſt, conduces no leſs to the Honour of God than the Intereſt of the State: 'Tis Policy founded upon a Religious Principle. For it ſuppoſes that none can be true or faithful to their Prince that are falſe to God; and that the ſureſt Demonſtration of a Man's Loyalty is his Piety; and therefore it povides for the Excluſion of all thoſe as unqualified for any ſhare of the Government, who are unworthy to receive the Sacrament. 'Tis in the Power of the Miniſter (and by the Rubrick he is enjoined) to repel from the Sacrament any Perſon that he knows to be unworthy to receive it. By this means it becomes Men's Intereſt as much as their Duty to be of a Sober, Virtuous and Unblameable Life, and in all Reſpects faithful Members, both of the Church and State. That the Intention of the Act is not fulfilled, by Miniſters neglecting their Duty in this particular, and by Proſtituting this Bleſſed Sacrament to thoſe that are notoriouſly unworthy of it, is no Objection againſt the act itſelf: And yet this has been the only thing that has hitherto been urged againſt it.

Q. Gentlemen, *In* Jonah, 1. 17. *We Read that the Lord had prepared a great Fiſh to ſwallow up* Jonah, Mat. 12. 40. *'tis called a Whale. I deſire to be informed what ſort of Fiſh it was, for if the Deſcription that I have Read of a Whale be true*, viz. *That tho' his Mouth be 16 Foot wide, yet his Throat is no bigger than for a Man's Fiſt to enter, how is it poſſible for a Whale to ſwallow a Man?*

Gentlemen, *Your Opinion will Oblige,*

Your Humble Servant and Subſcriber,

B. E. B.

A. A Whale properly ſo called it cou'd not be, for the Reaſon given by the Queriſt, which we acknowledg to be very juſt and agreeable to the beſt Deſcriptions of a Whale. By the Whale therefore here it is better to underſtand ſome Fiſh of the *Cetaceous* kind, which for their vaſt Bulk are often called Whales by Ancient Writers: And ſuch are the *Lamia* or Sea-Dog, the *Maltha*, and *Zygæna*, of the Ancients, and eſpecially the Tunny-Fiſh, the Fiſhers of which are by *Athenæus*, *L.* 7. called Whale-Fiſhers. But of theſe Fiſhes the Sea-Dog is moſt noted for the Largeneſs of its Throat, and for this Reaſon it is called *Lamia*, as having μέγαν λαιμὸν, and by the moſt approved Commentators, thought therefore to be the Fiſh that ſwallowed up *Jonah*. Theſe Monſters are often found in the *Mediterranean* and *Red-Sea*, and in the *Main Ocean*. *Rondeletius* gives this Deſcription of one of them. " It is a moſt voracious Fiſh, that Feeds upon the " Fleſh both of Men and Beaſts: It will ſwallow " the whole Carcaſe of a Man at a Time, as has " been found upon diſſecting ſome of them. For

" at *Marſeilles* and *Nice* there were taken Sea-
" Dogs in the Bellies of which were found a Man
" in Armor. And afterwards he adds, that he ſaw one himſelf upon the Coaſt of *Guienne* in *France*, whoſe Mouth and Throat was capable of a very large Fat Man.

Q. *Having occaſion to conſtruct a Triangle whoſe Hypotenuſe and a mean Proportional between its ſides are given, I find my ſelf at a loſs for a general Rule for the Solution of the Problem, and muſt deſire the Aſſiſtance of your Sagacity in it.*

A. The Algebraical Solution is thus. Calling the Hypotenuſe a, the mean Proportional b, and the Perpendicular x, the Baſis will be found $=\frac{bb}{x}$, and conſequently $\frac{b4}{xx}+xx=a$ the Hypotenuſe; which Equation by orderly Reduction will give $xx=\frac{1}{2}aa\pm\sqrt{\frac{1}{4}a4-b4}$, and therefore $x=\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}aa\pm\sqrt{\frac{1}{4}a4-b4}}$. The Geometrical Conſtruction of this Equation we cannot give here for want of a Scheme.

Q. APOLLO, *Some Gentlemen who are extreamly taken with your Excellent Performances, and therefore a Veneration and deference for you, as juſtly you deſerve, will think themſelves very much Obliged if at your leiſure Hours you be pleaſed to turn the within Lines into* Engliſh *Verſe, for as they look on the Subject to be ſo curious, elevated and natural, and your performances in Poetry ſurpaſſing, they deſire you will be pleaſed in your Papers to give the ſame as there ſhall be Room, believing it too much for one Paper, but ſtill with a due caution not to looſe the Senſe or Connexion from one Paper to another, and if your thoughts could handſomely follow the hiccuppy Drunken pronouncing, and in all caſes they are well ſatisfied if you are pleaſed to take it in Hand that you cannot miſs of pleaſing in it,*

Gentlemen,

Your Admirers, Wellwiſhers and Humble Servants,

A. B. C. D. E. F. G. H. *&c.*

A. Since your incloſed Lines (which we had not the leiſure to Read) with their Tranſlation, wou'd fill two entire Papers, we'll leave your ſelf to judge, if (on the following conſideration) you can reaſonably expect we ſhou'd inſert them, *viz.* We have a vaſt Number of Letters come, beyond what can poſſibly be crouded into our Papers, and can often inſert but one out of three from the ſame Perſon. Therefore we ſhou'd be very unjuſt to divers others, ſhou'd we fill up two Papers, with a ſingle Queſtion from one Queriſt: When ſo many from others muſt be excluded for it.

Q. Gentlemen, *You were ſo kind to anſwer my Query in yours of the 9th, but ſay you can't propoſe a Method for raiſing a Fortune, unleſs better acquainted with my Circumſtances and Inclination. I have a-have about* 50 l. per Annum *Eſtate in my own Hands; I always had a ſtrong Inclination to Pleading, nor do I find any thing, with reſpect to Strength of Conſtitution, or Tone of Voice, to diſcourage me from the Bar. I would therefore entreat you to let me know what Term of Years you think requiſite for the ſtudy of the Common Law of* England, *and one muſt neceſſarily continue therein, before one can be called to the Bar? Your ſpeedy Anſwer will lay a farther Obligation upon,*

Your very humble and obliged Servant,

T. K.

A. 'Tis difficult to give Judgment on ſuch a Caſe, without a Perſonal Acquaintance with the Queriſt; ſince there is ſuch a vaſt Diſparity between the Capacities of Perſons: Some ſhall prove as great Proficients in any kind of Learning, in five Years, as others in ſeven. Nor is this all, but there requires a particular Genius to advance Gentlemen to a fair Proſpect from the Bar. To be profoundly read in the Law, is not ſufficient, tho' happy in a vaſt Memory for Retention; but they muſt be quick at all brisk Turns of Repartee, and to be prompt at Banter, is no contemptible Requiſite. It is very fair, if in ſeven Years time you appear on the Stage with advantage. Fifty Pounds, *per Annum*, you will find a ſhort Stipend, with Taxes, &c. deducted, to ſubſiſt on, and converſe with Gentlemen, and impoſſible alſo to raiſe a Library out of it; but, perhaps, beſides your Real, you may have ſome Perſonal Eſtate to aſſiſt in that. But this we muſt add, That your having a ſtrong Inclination to the Practice of the Law, will much accelerate, and facilitate your Accompliſhment therein.

Q. Gentlemen, *I have a conſiderable number of Letters which come by the Penny-Poſt, for each of which I pay a Penny, tho' but two Miles from* London, *and Penny-Poſt paid be on the Back, you therefore are deſired, not only by my ſelf, but abundance other of Gentlemen, to inſert in one of your following Papers, whether any Penny can be lawfully demanded by the Meſſengers of the Poſt aforeſaid, on the delivery of a Letter or Parcel? An Anſwer to this Query, will give abundant ſatisfaction to moſt Gentlemen living about* London, *and, among the reſt, to,*

Gentlemen, Your Admirer,

W. F.

A. As near as we can remember, there was no ſuch Expence charg'd in the Conſtitution of the Undertaking, and 'tis contrary to Reaſon, that a Letter ſhould coſt more into the Country, than from the ſame Place to *London*; beſides the Poſt-Mark, is an Acquittance of the Charge. Upon the whole, we believe it an Impoſition, and that ſhould the Officers refuſe delivering a Letter with the Poſt-Receipt upon it, they are liable to be ſued for Damages.

POEMS.

Q. *GRant me kind Fate, my Liberty and Health,*
To lead a Life juſt as it were by ſtealth;
Not Wealth my Mind, or to ſeduce, or harm,
But juſt enough Want's preſſing Ills to Charm.
Grant by each Paſſion, Reaſon be obey'd,
Reaſon it ſelf be by Experience ſway'd.
If Grief or Pain ſometimes I needs muſt know,
(For who's ſo bleſt as to be free from Woe?)
Grant it may be (to eaſe reflecting Thought)
By Heav'n's Degrees (and not my Folly) brought.
Free me from needleſs doubt from needleſs Care,
Vain flattering Hope, Tyrannical Deſpair,

But

But from me, as the greateſt Plagues, remove
Ambition and (that greater Evil) Love.

Grant me ſome Seat, which I my own may call,
Tho' it be ne'er ſo Humble, ne'er ſo ſmall,
A Table too, which may be daily ſeen,
Furniſh'd with Hearty wholeſome Fare, tho' mean,
Some Pleaſant Books at leiſure Hours to view,
I'd have ſome intimate Acquaintance too,
But both be very choice, and very few.

Tir'd with the World's Affairs, thus ſet me down,
Far from the Tumult of the Buſy Town,
Free from all Worldly aims, Scorn or Praiſe,
To paſſion Eaſe and Innocence my Days.

Say if this may for true Content ſuffice,
This modeſt humble Wiſh, befit the Wiſe,
Or what from uncheck'd Fancy do's ariſe?
Th' immoderate Thrift of Riches, Pow'r, or Fame,
Or ought beſide, at which we Blindly aim,
Altho' no Reſt miſtaken vain Mankind,
In the Purſuit or the Enjoyment find.

A. You take, alas! wrong meaſures to Create,
A true Enjoyment of that Bliſsful State;
Untrodden Paths, we fancy wondrous ſweet,
Which if purſu'd might ſorely gall our Feet:
Some Regale themſelves (in being Gueſts)
More with their Expectations, than the Feaſts.

Might you retire thus from the Noiſy Town,
Beyond the reach of Angry *Fortune's* Frown,
Where *Nature*, Innocence and Freedom yeilds,
In *Aromatic* Groves and Flow'ry Fields,
While all the Storms in Courts, and Factions bred,
Fly far above your unmoleſted Head;
The true Contentment you were *ſure* to taſt,
With all your ſmiling Hours, in Pleaſures paſt;
Not Conſcious that a dull unactive Life,
Gives more uneaſineſs, than noiſe and ſtrife;
Since ſuch Retirement, with it often brings,
Black Anxious Thoughts, Arm'd with a Thou-
[ſand Stings,
And frequently the *Spleen*, by which we find,
Huge Clouds of Miſeries oppreſs the Mind.

If e'er this *Happy State* you wou'd obtain,
Thoſe diſtant Explorations are in vain,
Since Ign'rant of the Pleaſure and the Pain;
And thence great Chance, we e'er ſhou'd hit the
[Mark,
When all our aim is taken in the Dark.
What turns from that, for ever will turn round;
Faſhion that to *Content*, what e'er it is,
And then your wiſh'd for end you cannot Miſs,
Each ſtep aſide, procraſtinates your Bliſs.

Q. *Which to our tendereſt Kindneſs may pretend,*
An only Siſter or a deareſt Friend;
Say which engagement higheſt you approve,
The Friendſhip made by Nature, or by Love;

A. Since that moſt Nat'ral Seems which does
[ariſe,
From Gen'ine Particles of Symphathies;
That Friendſhip where your Love makes choice,
[purſue,
Since 'tis Inſpir'd by Love and Nature too.

APOLLO,

Q. *What e'er we indite,*
You Ape *us downright,*
While exactly our meaſures you follow;
Why may not, then ſay,
Thou great God of Day,
An Ape *be as good as* APOLLO.

A. That makes no pretence,
To Reaſon and Senſe,
Tho' to Imitation inclin'd,
While you want 'em too,
An *Ape's* more like you,
At leaſt in the Dreſs of your mind.

APOLLO,

Q. *Suppoſe when I'm Drunk,*
I pick up a Punk,
She Swears ſhe is ſound,
Which falſe ſoon I found,
And I Swear I will give her a Guinea:
Since ſhe did decieve me,
And in ſuch a Plight leave me,
If I on demand,
Pay Guinea in Hand,
D'ye think I ſhou'd not be a Ninny?

A. The Guinea is due,
And juſt debt from you;
Your Promiſe does bind,
And what you did find,
Your Senſe might have told you before;
And howe'er you fare,
With your Rotten Ware,
We needs muſt aver it,
'Twas due to your Merit,
And you had your Agreement and more.

In the laſt *Apollo*, *P.* 2. *Col.* 2. *Lin.* 31. for an Adverb of Compoſition, *read*, an Adverb of Compariſon.

SIR,

THE Letters from Bruſſels, Nov. 22. Adviſe, that the on Thurſday the 20th Inſtant, about Two a-Clock in the Afternoon, his Grace the Duke of Marlborough and Pr. Eugene arriv'd there, being heartily welcom'd by all

all the Nobility and Magiſtrates, who Congratulated and Complimented them with many Thanks for the great and eminent Services they have perform'd for the Confederates, in taking ſo many important and ſtrong Towns this laſt Campaign, in ſiight of as ſtrong, if not ſtronger Army, than the Confederates, that Cardinal Bouillon arriv'd alſo with the ſaid Princes, and will go with Prince Eugene to Vienna, and thence to Rome, that Letters from Paris, of the 17th, ſay, That the Detachment from Dauphine purſue their March towards Rouſſillon, where, they ſay, the Duke de Noailles will be the 25th, inſtant, with the Army, ready to penetrate into Catalonia; in order to which they ſend, from Languedoc to Collioure, Proviſions and Ammunition.

London, November the 17th.

On Saturday next, Her Majeſty comes to St. James's from Hawpton-Court, and returns no more this Seaſon.

The Vice-Chancellor, and the Heads of the Univerſity of Cambridge, have Publickly expell'd Mr. William Whiſton, M. A. Profeſſor of the Mathematicks, for denying the Eternal Divinity of the Son of God, and openly Propogating the Arian Hereſy, to the great Scandal of Chriſtianity, and Danger to the Youth Educated in that Univerſity.

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A General Meeting of the Subſcribers was held at *Sadler's-Hall*, in *Cheapſide*, on *Thurſday*, *October* the 19, 1710, and a Second Six Truſtees were added to the former, to whom Security is given, purſuant to the Propoſals which may be had *Gratis*, at the Office.

MR. *Roger Grant*, OCULIST and OPERATOR, in Extraordinary to Her MAJESTY, who has been ſo ſucceſsful in Couching the Cataract and Curing all other Curable Diſtempers in the Eyes, lives in St. *Chriſtopher's Church-Yard*, where he has lately brought to Sight theſe Perſons under-nam'd. *Wil. Jones*, at *Newington-Butts*, born blind, brought to Sight in 5 minutes. *Suſan Barns*, at Mr. *Haunches*, in the *Broad-way Weſtminſter*, blind 11 Years, brought to Sight in 3 minutes. *Mary Dearing*, in *Swan-Yard* near *Newgate*, aged 75 Years, reſtored to Sight in one Minute. *Elizabeth Wild*, in *Bell-Alley Goſwell-Street*, blind of one Eye 23 Years, reſtored to Sight in 5 minutes. *William Dixon*, in *Chelſea-College*, aged 87, reſtor'd to Sight in 5 minutes. *John Myers* on *Saffron-Hill*, blind by Obſtruction of the *Optick Nerves*. A Gentlewoman whoſe Mother lives at Juſtice *Conſtables* in *Goodman's-Fields* the ſame. Mrs. *Jackſon* in *Wood's Cloſe*, the ſame. Mr. *Williams*, in *Peter-Street Old-Soho*. *Anne Andrews* in *Goſwell-Street*. *Saywell Lathan*, at *Adam's-Coffee-Houſe Chancery-Lane*. *Anne Allen*, in *Nightingal Lane* N° 2 E. Theſe with 235 others have been Cur'd ſince Sept. 1708 by the aforeſaid Mr. *Grant*.

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